

**MISCELLANEOUS READING.**  
**THE LUXURY OF DYING.**

of Florida, arrived at one of our hotels in company with his lady. In two or three days he died, and the heart-broken wife at once prepared to return to her Northern home with the corpse of her husband. The hotel bill was demanded and presented, when—in addition to the posthumous charge for the commodation of the dead man—two dollars were required for the privilege of dying. Certainly, this is a luxury we had always thought a man might indulge in without detriment to his purse.

If this be a regular practice, it would be proper in our hotel keepers to append to their list of their regular charges for bed and board and extra meals, the amount they require for the privilege of dying.

By furnishing a bed to die on, so that the anguish of an unfortunate widow may not be augmented by such startling cupidity.

But the rude jostling of unfeeling arrangers would not end here. Imagine a poor woman with no companion—no one to alleviate her sufferings by attending to the management of her travelling expense—obliged to show "two" tickets to the conductor at every change of the cars, one of which constantly reminds her of her melancholy charge.

The practice of transporting the bodies of deceased friends to their distant homes has now become so general in our country that the subject might well demand the attention of those concerned in the direction of our

public thoroughfares. It may be said that change would be inconvenient. What if it is? Let the price be increased in proportion but let it be obtained in some manner less repugnant to the feelings of affection, and let it not add to the summary but sickening horrors of the revolting hotel bill, by fanning into despair the subdued sorrow of a grief-stricken widow.—*Charleston (S. C.) Mer.*

### BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING.

Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, who made an immense fortune in commercial pursuits in Philadelphia, gave the following testimony to the benefits of advertising:

"I have always considered advertising

liberally and long, to be the great medium of success in business, and the prelude to wealth. And I have made it an inviolable rule to add to my vertice in the dulllest times, a long experience of having taught me that money thus spent is well laid out, as by keeping my business continually before the public, it has secured me many sales that I would otherwise have lost."

Commenting upon the above, the *American Railway Times* says, that this is just the experience of ninety-nine men in a hundred who are in regular business, and who think that they are so well known, that they need not advertise. They make a great mistake. It often happens that the price of a commodity is lowered by the influence of

advertisement, in some respectable newspaper, will more than pay for the advertisement for ten years. We have known cases of even more beneficial results than this.

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With true devotion swells.  
Dying that he, as some assert,—  
He's ed there by the altar;  
While Jane, the happiest of coquettes,  
Whose eye no sorrow dims,  
Most piteously employs her time  
In looking for the Huns.

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**GIGANT FAMILY SEWING MACHINES**—Prices from \$50 to \$125.—The Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company sell the two best MACHINES in use. One makes the **SHUTTLE**, or **LOCK STITCH**—a stitch well adapted for all good goods that are not to be washed and ironed; the other is a new **MACHINE**, making the celebrated **GROVER & BAKER STITCH**, or the **LOCK STITCH** that is LOCKED on this MACHIN'E. It is a great improvement upon all previous Machines for family use. Send for a Circular at 18, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington; 495 Broadway, New York; 137 Baltimore street, Baltimore.

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To all of which the Tribune says Amen.—N. Y. Tribune  
It is all that it claims to be.—N. Y. Independent  
It finishes its own work, others do not.—Home Journal  
We give it the preference.—Amer. Baptist.  
It needs only to be seen to be appreciated.—Phren Jour.  
Adapted for woolens, linen, or cotton.—Am. Mod. Monthly  
We like Grover & Baker's best.—Ladies' Wreath.  
"Which is best?" Grover & Baker's.—N. Y. Dispatch  
Superior to all others.—N. Y. Mercury  
We have no hesitation in recommending it—

—N. Y. Express.  
It requires no re-spooling.—N. Y. Evangelist.  
For family use they are unrivaled.—N. Y. Times.  
Daily News.  
They sew a seam that will not rip.—N. Y. Couriers.  
It performs nobly and expeditiously.—N. Y. Examiner.  
Remarkable for the elasticity of seam.—Pittsburgh Gazette.  
Well adapted to all kinds of family sewing.—N. Y. Observer.  
Best adapted for family use.—N. Y. Day Book.  
We do not hesitate to recommend it.—N. Y. Chronicle.  
It sews strongly and does not rip.—Life.  
Illustrated.  
—Pittsburgh Courier.  
—Best Churchman.

The prince of inventions—*Brooklyn*.  
It is women's best friend.—*N. Y. Weekly News*.  
We give our preference to Grover & Baker's—*Student*.  
The most blessed invention of modern times.—*Moth. Magazine*.  
It makes a pleasure of a toil.—*N. Y. Evening Post*.  
The favorite for family use.—*Brooklyn Star*.  
We highly appreciate their value.—*American Missionary*.  
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